

Other interstate pipelines and distribution companies, however, have more than adequate supplies of natural gas to meet the needs of residences, small commercial establishments and other high priority users.

In light of the severe shortage of natural gas supplies available to some firms and the disparity of natural gas supplies in various regions of the United States, the exercise of extraordinary authority for emergency deliveries and transportation of natural gas pursuant to Section 4 of the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977 is necessary to assist in meeting the requirements of natural gas for residences, small commercial establishments, and other high priority users in the United States or regions thereof. No measures other than those authorized by Section 4 of the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977 are adequate to assist in meeting the requirements of natural gas for residences, small commercial establishments, and other high priority users in the United States or regions thereof. *Ante, p. 5.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, including the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977, do hereby proclaim and declare that a natural gas emergency exists within the meaning of Section 3 of said Act. *USC prec. title 1. Ante, p. 4.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4486

February 11, 1977

# National Poison Prevention Week, 1977

*By the President of the United States of America*

## A Proclamation

As parents and teachers, we encourage our children to be curious and inquisitive. But a child's curiosity can sometimes bring tragedy. Most American homes contain potential poisons—polishes, cleansers, medicines, solvents, and pesticides. When children can find these substances, they naturally experiment with them.

Over the past sixteen years, the number of children under the age of five who have died from accidental poisoning has declined by 68 per cent. New and safer packages for dangerous products are a major reason for this decline. But our children's inclination to explore the unknown may still lead them into dangers that no safety measures can control.

To encourage the American people to remember the dangers of accidental poisoning and to take appropriate preventive measures, the Congress, by joint resolu-

tion of September 26, 1961 (36 U.S.C. 165), has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning March 20, 1977, as National Poison Prevention Week. I urge all Americans and all agencies and organizations concerned with the prevention of accidental poisonings and the welfare of our Nation's youngsters to join in activities designed to encourage the safe storage, use and handling of poisonous household substances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4487

February 14, 1977

**National Employ the Older Worker Week, 1977**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Our prosperity as a nation rests on our productivity as workers. Our happiness as individuals begins with our ability to find useful, rewarding jobs.

That is why I feel it so important that jobs be available for all our people able to perform them—people in every region, of every religion and color, and of every age. Time and again in our history we have benefitted from the skill and dedication of our older workers. But too often prejudices and stereotypes—not limitations of ability—have kept older Americans from fulfilling their full potential at work.

The law now recognizes our special responsibility to assure older workers an equal chance for jobs and promotions. Many private groups and organizations are now working to improve prospects for older workers. These efforts deserve our vigorous support.

To encourage and support educational efforts designed to make employers more aware of the advantages of hiring older workers, the Congress, by joint resolution approved April 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 396), has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning March 13, 1977, as National Employ the Older Worker Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning March 13, 1977, as National Employ the Older Worker Week. I call upon State and local officials, as well as labor, business, veterans, farm, religious, scientific, professional and other groups, to join with older workers in making the American people aware of the value of employing older